

SENATE BILL NO. 218

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR FRENCH

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Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to use of child safety seats and seat belts."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 28.05.095(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, a driver may not transport a child
5 under the age of 16 in a motor vehicle unless the driver has provided the required
6 safety device and properly secured each child as described in this subsection. A [IF
7 THE] child

8 **(1) less than one year of age or a child one year of age or older who**
9 **weighs less than 20 pounds shall be properly secured in a rear-facing child safety**
10 **seat that meets or exceeds** [IS LESS THAN FOUR YEARS OF AGE, THE CHILD
11 SHALL BE PROPERLY SECURED IN A CHILD SAFETY DEVICE MEETING
12 THE] standards of the United States Department of Transportation **and is used in**
13 **accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;**

14 **(2) one to four years of age who weighs over 20 pounds shall be**
15 **properly secured in a child restraint device that meets or exceeds the standards of**

1 the United States Department of Transportation and is used in accordance with
2 the manufacturer's instructions;

3 (3) over four years of age who is less than 57 inches in height and
4 weighs less than 80 pounds shall be properly secured in a booster seat that is
5 secured by a seat belt system or by another child passenger restraint system that
6 meets or exceeds the standards of the United States Department of
7 Transportation and is used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;

8 (4) over four years of age that is not required to be restrained as
9 provided in (3) of this subsection shall be properly secured in a seat belt [FOR A
10 CHILD SAFETY DEVICE FOR INFANTS. IF THE CHILD IS FOUR BUT NOT
11 YET 16 YEARS OF AGE, THE CHILD SHALL BE PROPERLY SECURED IN A
12 CHILD SAFETY DEVICE APPROVED FOR A CHILD OF THAT AGE AND SIZE
13 BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR IN A
14 SAFETY BELT, WHICHEVER IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE PARTICULAR
15 CHILD].